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Response dated August 7, 2006  
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#### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

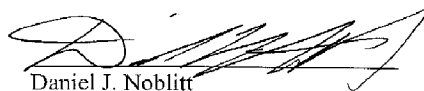
The office action of February 6, 2006 rejects several claims on various grounds. The office action cites U.S. Patent No. 5,130,936 to Sheppard et al. as anticipating or rendering obvious the subject matter of various claims. Furthermore, the office action indicates that claims 11, 24, 37, and 49 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The applicant cancels the rejected claims and submits claims 11, 24, 37 and 49 rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please consider the amendments and remarks. In view of the present amendments and comments, the applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney at the address and telephone number noted below with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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